

Union Calendar No. 438

112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 3388

[Report No. 112-603]

To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Beaver, Chipuxet, Queen, Wood, and Pawcatuck Rivers in the States of Connecticut and Rhode Island for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 4, 2011

Mr. LANGEVIN (for himself and Mr. COURTNEY) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

JULY 17, 2012

Additional sponsor: Mr. CICILLINE

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House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on November 4, 2011]

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Wood-Pawcatuck Water-*
5 *shed Protection Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. BEAVER, CHIPUXET, QUEEN, WOOD, AND**

7 **PAWCATUCK RIVERSSTUDY.**

8 (a) *DESIGNATION FOR STUDY.—Section 5(a) of the*
9 *Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1276(a)) is amended*
10 *by adding at the end the following:*

11 “(____) BEAVER, CHIPUXET, QUEEN, WOOD, AND
12 PAWCATUCK RIVERS, RHODE ISLAND AND CONNECTICUT.—The approximately 10-mile segment of
13 the Beaver River from its headwaters in Exeter,
14 Rhode Island, to its confluence with the Pawcatuck
15 River; the approximately 5-mile segment of the
16 Chipuxet River from Hundred Acre Pond to its outlet
17 into Worden Pond; the approximately 10-mile seg-
18 ment of the upper Queen River from its headwaters
19 to the Usquepaugh Dam in South Kingstown, Rhode
20 Island, and including all its tributaries; the approxi-
21 mately 5-mile segment of the lower Queen
22 (Usquepaugh) River from the Usquepaugh Dam to its
23 confluence with the Pawcatuck River; the approxi-
24 mately 11-mile segment of the upper Wood River from

1 *its headwaters to Skunk Hill Road in Richmond and*
2 *Hopkinton, Rhode Island, and including all its tribu-*
3 *taries; the approximately 10-mile segment of the lower*
4 *Wood River from Skunk Hill Road to its confluence*
5 *with the Pawcatuck River; the approximately 28-mile*
6 *segment of the Pawcatuck River from Worden Pond*
7 *to Nooseneck Hill Road (RI Rte 3) in Hopkinton and*
8 *Westerly, Rhode Island; and the approximately 7-mile*
9 *segment of the lower Pawcatuck River from Nooseneck*
10 *Hill Road to Pawcatuck Rock, Stonington, Con-*
11 *nnecticut, and Westerly, Rhode Island.”.*

12 (b) *STUDY AND REPORT.—Section 5(b) of the Wild*
13 *and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1276(b)) is amended by*
14 *adding at the end the following:*

15 “(____) BEAVER, CHIPUXET, QUEEN, WOOD, AND
16 PAWCATUCK RIVERS, RHODE ISLAND AND CON-
17 NECTICUT.—Not later than 3 years after the date on
18 which funds are made available to carry out this
19 paragraph, the Secretary of the Interior shall—

20 “(A) complete the study of the Beaver,
21 Chipuxet, Queen, Wood, and Pawcatuck Rivers,
22 Rhode Island and Connecticut, described in sub-
23 section (a)(____);

1 “(B) submit a report describing the results
2 of that study to the appropriate committees of
3 Congress;

4 “(C) include in the report under subparagraph (B) the effect of the designation under this
5 Act on—

6 “(i) existing commercial and recreational activities, such as hunting, fishing, trapping, recreational shooting, motor boat use, or bridge construction;

7 “(ii) the authorization, construction, operation, maintenance, or improvement of energy production and transmission infrastructure; and

8 “(iii) the authority of State and local governments to manage those activities encompassed in clauses (i) and (ii); and

9 “(D) identify—

10 “(i) all authorities that will authorize or require the Secretary to influence local land use decisions (such as zoning) or place restrictions on non-Federal land if the area studied is designated under this Act;

- 1 “(ii) all authorities that the Secretary
2 may use to condemn property if the area
3 studied is designated under this Act; and
4 “(iii) all private property located in
5 the area studied under this provision.”.

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